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## Arcata Fire: no way to save residents of planned tall buildings

Only 'luck' has averted tragedy

Kevin L. Hoover  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA — One fatal shortcoming could doom the grand plans being made to accommodate Arcata's burgeoning population in coming years — the lack of adequate fire and rescue service for tall buildings.

With Cal Poly Humboldt breaking ground in late February on its 7-story Craftsman Mall housing, and the Gateway Area Plan (GAP) contemplating buildings of four stories or more, Arcata Fire District (AFD) representatives last week told Arcata's Planning Commission that it sees no realistic scenario under which it could provide adequate fire protection for the new buildings.

Doing so would require not just millions of dollars and major equipment acquisitions, but recruiting a small legion of new AFD personnel. There are no plans in the works for this scale of transformation at AFD.

AFD Division 4 Director Eric Loudenslager led the Planco briefing, pointing out the scale of the challenge, with the district's personnel falling far short of the minimums required to different categories of building fires. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends 38 firefighters to first respond to a high-rise fire, while AFD's initial response can presently muster about 17 personnel, if available, using mutual aid from other area departments.

In a worst-case scenario, drawing on mutual aid from places as far as Fortuna, Ferndale and Rio Dell, some 43 firefighters could eventually respond, but they still wouldn't have the equipment they need. And where the NFPA calls for an 8- to 10-minute response time for a high-rise fire, a maximum response could take 42 minutes. "Those minutes would be potentially lethal," Loudenslager said. "People stuck in a building, smoke inhalation... that's too long."

Other California fire departments whose districts include high-rise buildings have budgets and on-duty personnel far in excess of AFD's \$6.4 million and 7 available firefighters. AFD would need an additional 24 suppression staff — at least — to meet the need. That would require a budget of \$11.3 million, 14 on-duty firefighters, a ladder truck and more.

AFD gets \$2.5 million from property taxes, \$3.8 million from special tax and benefit assessments, plus \$193,000 in other revenue such as interest and charge for service. While new Gateway buildings will yield minor additional tax revenue, the Craftsman Mall, a state

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The City of Trinidad Planning Commission is currently discussing the draft Community Design Element of the general plan update. In conjunction, they are also discussing new design criteria and design review requirements. They would like to get more input from the community on this important topic, which includes issues such as the size and bulk of structures and view protection. You can review these documents at the following link and provide input to the Planning Commission meeting on January 18, or in writing, or via email to [asouza@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:asouza@trinidad.ca.gov).

**VIEW THE DRAFT AT:**  
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## Trinidad forming town ambassador squad

Patti Fleschner  
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TRINIDAD — Newly elected Trinidad Mayor Cheryl Kelly presided at the Jan. 10 Trinidad City Council meeting.

Many of the "Items From the Floor" comments centered around Mayor Cheryl Kelly's extraordinary efforts to rally Humboldt disaster relief agencies, PG&E, Food for People, Tri-County Independent Living, Humboldt Made, Humboldt Area Foundation and the Wild Rivers Community Foundation, the Red Cross and many community leaders and volunteers to open up the town hall and provide food, water, mobile phone charging stations, blankets,



**SWORN** Cheryl Kelly, recently elected as mayor, plus Katie Breckinridge and Jack Tuttle are sworn in as Trinidad City Council members by City Clerk Gabriel Adams. PATTI FLESCHNER | UNION

a little music from Song Circle, coffee and a warm place to gather during the past week's power outages. Last Monday, over 500

free meals were served from Los Giles Taqueria food truck parked in front of the tennis court. Mayor Kelly, Supervisor Steve

Madrone, City Manager Eli Naffah and councilmembers particularly praised Jennifer and Aaron Hakonen and their resourceful teenage daughter, Kari, for managing the flow of crowds and explaining services available.

It was quite an extraordinary show of neighbors helping neighbors. A discussion of streamlining communications and services for an Emergency Hazard Mitigation Plan for future emergencies ensued with Jacque Hostler-Carmesin, CEO of the Trinidad Rancheria, and John Adams of the Chamber of Commerce expressing eagerness to assist.

In other city businesses,

TRINIDAD ♦ PAGE 2

## Consultant: Airbnbs are 'eroding' housing stock

Daniel Mintz  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — The county's Planning Director and legislative consultant are warning that Airbnb-style short term rentals are overtaking the county's ability to expand housing.

County supervisors were briefed on the steady influx of short term rentals (STRs) as they reviewed a state and federal legislative lobbying platform at their Jan. 10 meeting.

Planning Director John Ford said STR-related housing loss is an issue "particularly in Humboldt County."

He reported that there are about 1,000 STRs in the county and those units are subtracted from the county's housing mix once they become temporary and vacation rental dwellings.

"We continue to produce housing every year but yet our vacancy rate does not go up and our housing availability does not go up, so where is it that these units are going?" Ford said. "So short term rentals do have a negative effect on our housing availability and our housing stock."

He recommended advocating for "increased protections for existing housing stock" in the county's legislative platform.

Karen Lang, one of the county's legislative lobbyists, warned of upcoming legislation on having the state administrate and collect hotel bed tax fees for counties and cities.

That's caused an "enormous amount of concern" because it would allow

HOUSING ♦ PAGE 4

## County earthquake damage comes to about \$10 million

Daniel Mintz  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County is addressing the impact of recent earthquakes and aftershocks with an Earthquake Recovery and Assistance Program that includes \$1 million of local funding.

The program was approved at the Jan. 10 Board of Supervisors meeting, with money from the county's federally-funded COVID-19 response package.

County Administrative Officer Elisha Hayes said the Dec. 20 6.4 magnitude earthquake and over 100 aftershocks, including a significant one on New Year's Day, "Reminds us that nature reigns supreme."

She said the aftershocks included one on the day of the meeting, Rio Dell and surrounding areas, including Fortuna, have been "particularly impacted."

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## McKinleyville Town Center Planning

### MMAC Public Meeting Continued Town Center Discussion!

January 25, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Revised Town Center Ordinance**  
McKinleyville Middle School, 2275 Central Ave, McKinleyville, CA 95519  
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449947337?pwd=eDNvaH5L2xyOXFUcVo3TXBQOVh2QT09> Passcode: 043757

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (MMAC) is reviewing a revised Town Center Ordinance. Join us to share your thoughts! Please visit the McKinleyville Town Center Master Plan web page to learn more about the project and how to participate:

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## Trinidad | Septic compliance

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the council, which includes newly sworn members Katie Breckenbridge and Jack Tuttle, Mayor Pro-tem Steve Ladwig and Councilman Jack West, voted unanimously to institute a Community Ambassador Program following the model of Arcata, and provide 25 hours of training to provide "goodwill, equality of services and collaboration" in communicating with the transient people who at times disrupt the serenity of the town.

Volunteer ambassadors will be trained to de-escalate volatile situations and to explain services. The experimental program would last for one year. Citizens interested in the training program, which would be subsidized by the city, should contact the City Clerk's office at Town Hall. The council also voted unanimously to hire Civic Plus to revamp the city

website.

City assistant Jennifer Hakenen reported that the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWATS) program has 49 percent septic inspection compliance and permit issuance in the City.

The Watershed Council will meet virtually on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Becky Price Hall chairs the Watershed Council. Email [rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov](mailto:rpricehall@trinidad.ca.gov) to join the discussion.

Committee assignments were made for Council member participation in meetings involving trails, city water, the Tsurai Management Plan, HCAOG, Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau, California Coastal National Monument, County transportation and others.

For tribal Government to Government meetings, the Council shall rotate participation. The next City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. will include an update on the General Plan and a mid-year budget report.

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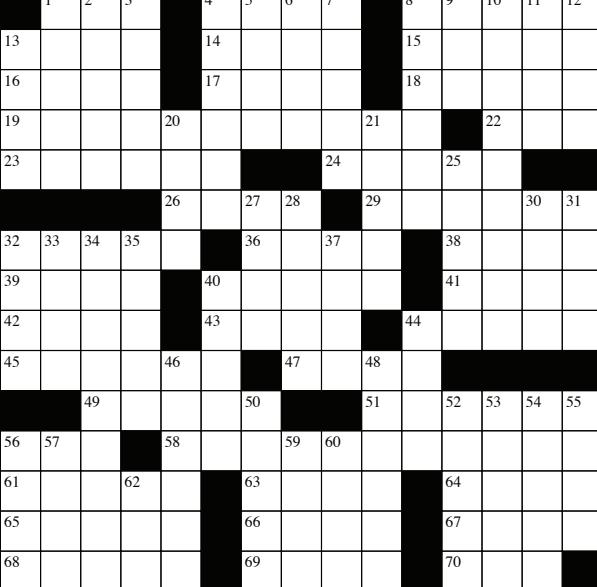
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## KEET-TV premieres 'Seeing the Signs' documentary

## KEET-TV

HUMBOLDT — KEET-TV presents the premiere of its locally produced documentary *Seeing the Signs: Suicide Prevention in Humboldt County* on Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 9 p.m. There are repeat feeds in January on Friday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 1 a.m.

*Seeing the Signs* highlights stories from two families in Humboldt County and explores mental health practitioners' challenges working in rural areas. Hear the story of mother Stacy Whitley, who describes the changes she witnessed in her daughter, Frankie Wruck, beginning in middle school. Whitley watched her daughter develop anxiety and depression and knew she needed help, but the insurance hoops proved challenging.

Nicole Halvorsen shares her story about her brother, Chase Kirtley, and her struggles to find help, as her brother had anxiety, depression, and addiction issues.

The film presents mental health experts Lea Nagy, president of the National Alliance of Mental Illness



of Humboldt (NAMI), and Dr. Virgil Moorehead, Jr., Executive Director of Two Feathers Native American Family Services.

They discuss the challenges rural communities face in addressing those with suicide ideation and the help their families need to cope. Hear a discussion about prevention methods both organizations have used to save lives and help those in crisis. "Building relationships, showing respect, and taking the time to listen can help the person in crisis," explains Moorehead.

Film producer and director Linda Stansberry shares her experience in creating this documentary.

"In the course of making *Seeing the Signs*, I was privileged to meet some of the strongest, smartest, and most persistent people in Humboldt County," she said. "Whether we spoke at a kitchen table or in a conference room, my interviewees

showed me the true meaning of resilience and hope. Our community is truly amazing, and I am proud to be part of this ongoing effort to support my neighbors, destigmatize suicide and fight for equitable access to mental healthcare."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States.

Humboldt County is listed as 5th out of 44 counties with incidents of death by suicide, according to The California Department of Public Health.

If you or someone you know is in a mental health crisis, please dial 988 and speak with a trained specialist. You can find details and stream this program at [KEET.org](http://KEET.org) and watch *Seeing the Signs* on KEET's YouTube channel anytime.

KEET would like to thank its partners on this project, they include Two Feather Native American Family Services, NAMI Humboldt, The Department of Health and Human Services, United Indian Health Services, The Mattole Valley Resource Center and SoHum Health.

## Fire | 40-foot limit urged

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limit building heights to 40 feet, or under four stories until adequate funding

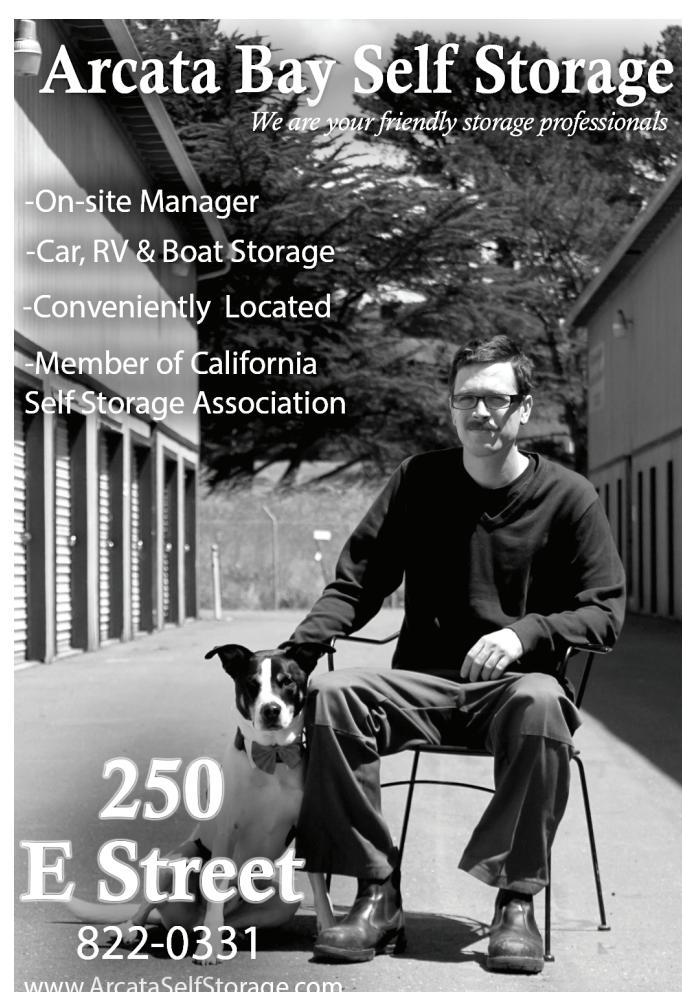
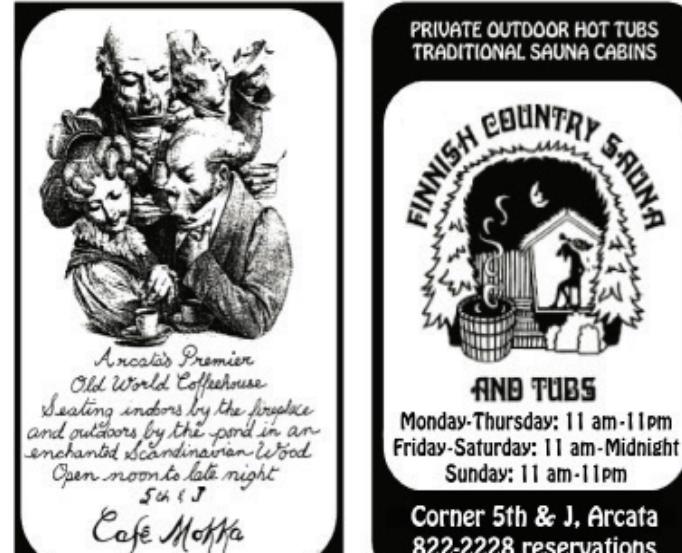
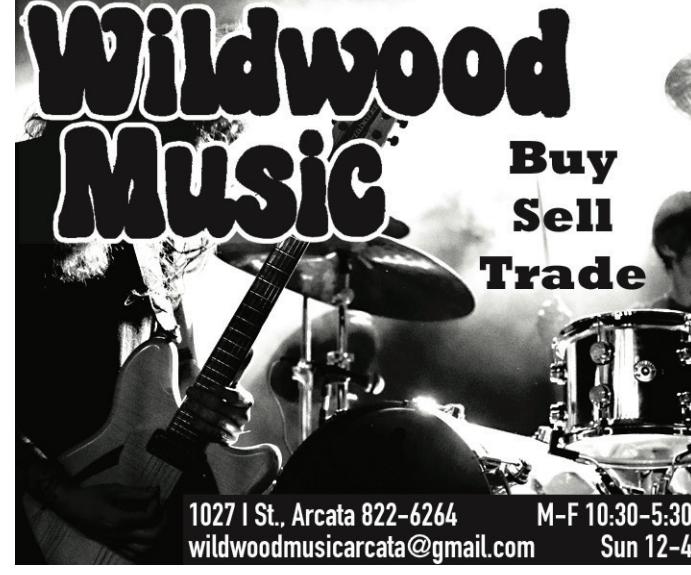
can be established. "We're telling them not to build another 4-story Sorrell until we have a bigger fire department," he said. Tall buildings, he said, have "crept up on us."

Loudenslager said there have been two emergency evacuations of Sorrell, during which tragedy was averted. "We've basically been lucky," he said.

Fire Marshal Ed Laidlaw said 3- and 4-story buildings are presently "a huge drain on resources," but future improvements in code requirements could reduce the challenge.

Loudenslager said Cal Poly officials and area elected representatives have been made aware of the issues. "We haven't heard anything from the university yet," he said.

He said AFD needs a training center for unified response to the new construction. "It's a brand new game," he said.



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**WWTP PHASE 1** The groundbreaking ceremony for Phase One of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facilities Improvement Project takes place at 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Plant at the Corporation Yard, 600 South G St. Phase One of the AWTF project is the city's largest capital improvement project at an anticipated \$54 million in construction costs.

Construction includes a new ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system to replace the current chlorine-based system and reduce associated disinfection byproducts, a new electrical building, upgrades and retrofits to existing facilities, extensive new sewer piping and electrical duct work, a new pump station and a new sewer outfall location. Construction is expected to take three years.

## Life Plan Humboldt raises funds

### LIFE PLAN HUMBOLDT

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LPH is negotiating to purchase property in the McKinleyville Town Cen-

ter.

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campus including a solar micro-grid, and accomplish activities needed to secure bond financing for construction.

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## From fenta-bus to meth tent, crime did not pay

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

ARCATA — On Monday, Jan. 9, HCDTF Agents received information that 38 year old Phyllicia Korn was travelling from the Bay Area via Greyhound bus with a large quantity of fentanyl. Agents obtained a search

warrant for Korn and the tent where is known to live in the Arcata area. At about 8:30 p.m., agents observed Korn exit the Greyhound bus at the Arcata Transit Center. Upon searching Korn pursuant to the search warrant, agents located approximately five ounces of suspected fentanyl.

Agents then responded to Korn's tent to search for additional evidence pursuant to the search warrant. Upon arrival, an agent contacted 35-year-old Sean Gendron inside the tent. Gendron was detained without incident.

A search of the tent located two firearms and a usable amount of suspected methamphetamine.

Korn and Gendron were subsequently arrested on the following charges:

- **Phyllicia Korn:** Transportation for sales of controlled substances; Transportation of narcotics across three consecutive counties; Possession for sale; Possession of drug paraphernalia
- **Sean Gendron:** Possession of controlled substances while armed; Possession of controlled substances; Felon in possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition.

## More fentanyl, meth, a gun and this time, a billy club

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

HOOPA — On Friday, Jan. 6, agents from the HCDTF and Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at the 13000 block of Highway 96 in Hoopa. After receiving numerous citizen complaints that 44-year-old Robby Jackson and 42-year-old Kathlene Mellon were selling large quantities of fentanyl throughout the Hoopa Valley, HCDTF agents obtained a search warrant for their residence located at the 13000 block of Highway 96.

During the service of the search warrant, Jackson attempted to flee on foot from law enforcement but was quickly apprehended. Mellon was detained on scene without incident.

During a search of the property, HCDTF agents located 14.6 grams of fentanyl, 4.6 grams of methamphetamine, digital scales, packaging materials, a firearm and a billy club. Based on evidence located on scene, Jackson and Mellon were arrested on the following charges:

- **Robby Jackson:** Possession of a controlled substance while armed; Felon in possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition; Maintaining a residence for narcotics use; Possession of controlled substances; Possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **Kathlene Mellon:** Possession of a controlled substance while armed; Possession for sale of controlled substances; Maintaining a residence for narcotics use; Possession of controlled substances; Possession of drug paraphernalia; Felon in possession of a firearm; Felon in possession of ammunition.

## Oh, what a tangled web we needlessly weave

### HUMBOLDT COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

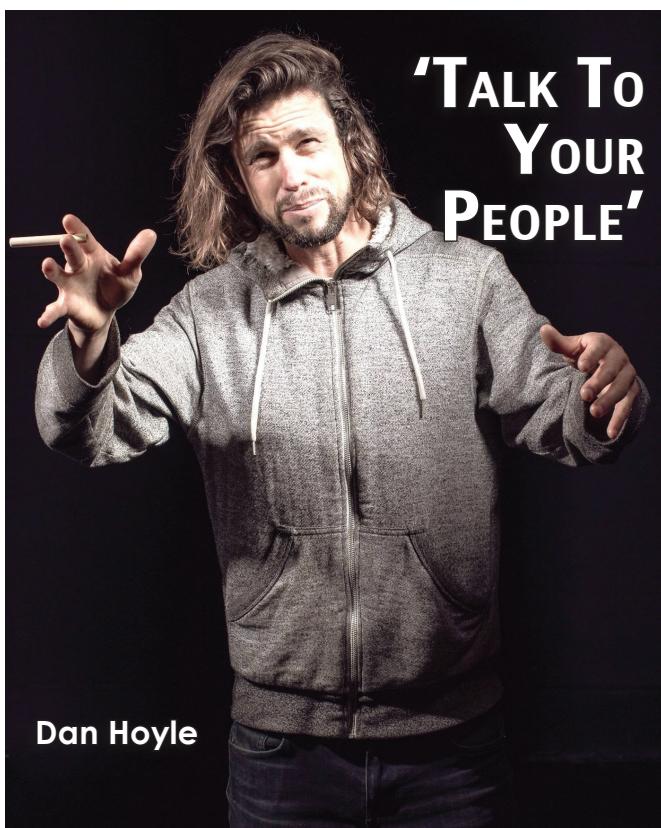
WILLOW CREEK — On Tuesday, Jan. 10 at about 11:17 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies on patrol in the Willow Creek area conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by two people.

When deputies contacted the occupants, the passenger, later identified as 26-year-old Matthew Dewayne Clyde Richards, provided deputies with a false name. During their investigation, deputies found Richards to be in possession of over three grams of suspected fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. Richards was also found to have an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest.

Richards was arrested and booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on charges of possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia and false identification to a peace officer, in addition to warrant charges of felon in possession of a firearm.

Matthew Dewayne Clyde Richards

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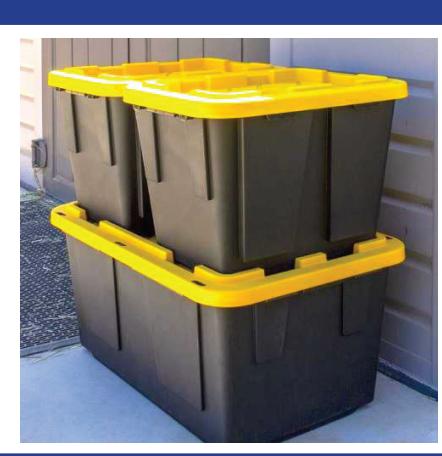


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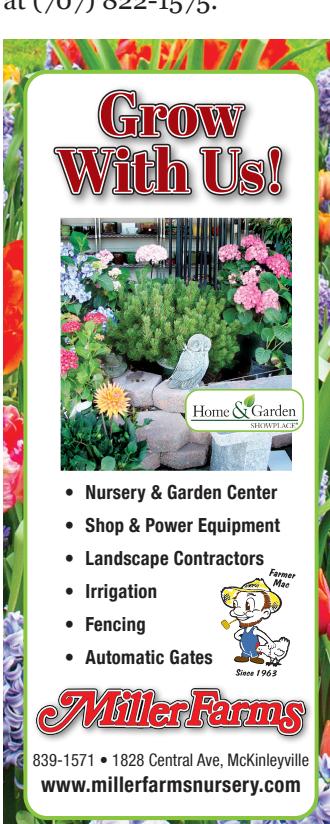


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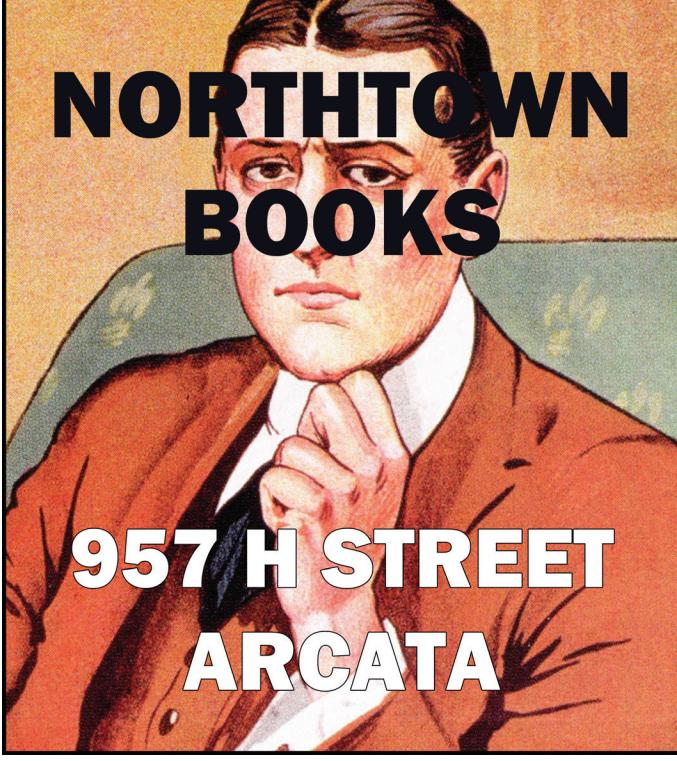
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## Classic Trump painting donated to museum

Claire Bent to perform Jan. 20 at Town Hall

**W**esthaven Center for the Arts will present a Third Friday bi-monthly Jazz Series starting on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, where vocalist Claire Bent and the RLA Jazz Trio will perform.

The series will continue with Nicholas Dominic Talvolta and Doug Marcum on guitar on March 17 followed by James Zeller, trombone and vocals, on May 19. Sliding scale \$10 to \$20 admission.

For information, call (707) 834-2479.

### Thanks to Trinidad USPS staff

Cindy Grigsby is the newly appointed postmistress for Trinidad. She served in Trinidad years ago and is back to provide the first-rate service that was her signature style.

Khrystil Perez is behind the counter with Cindy. They've just completed a hectic holiday season delivering moun-



**CLASSICS** John and Carol Wiebe, donors to Trinidad Museum of the Marvin Trump 1996 painting "Dutch Boats in a Gale," after a Turner painting from 1801, adding Camel Rock to the image.

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tains of cards and packages with patience and good humor.

If you haven't thanked them yet for their service, now is a good time to do so.

**John and Carol Wiebe** donate Marvin Trump painting to Trinidad Museum

Westhaven Center for the Arts gallery goers will remember one of the Center's most popular exhibits in the 1990s.

Renowned and respected architect and artist, the late Marvin Trump, presented an exhibit incorporating Camel Rock, which he viewed every day from his home, into paintings replicating the styles of Picasso, Corot, Braque, Van Gogh, El Greco, Andy Warhol, Matisse, Cézanne and other well known painters.

In 1996, Marvin Trump painted "Dutch Boats in a Gale" after a famous Joseph Mallord William Turner painting from 1801.

John and Carol Wiebe, who was instrumental in



**FOOD FOR PEOPLE** Roland Wiebe, son of John and Carol Wiebe, presented the Marvin Trump painting "Dutch Boats in a Gale" after an 1801 Turner painting, to Trinidad Museum Society.

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beginning WCA from its beginning, loved the painting, purchased it, but asked Marvin to adapt the painting to include Camel Rock.

The painting dominated the living room of "Wiehaven," their Westhaven Drive home, now occupied by son Roland Wiebe since John and Carol retired to Arcata.

The Wiebes donated the stunning painting to Trinidad Museum, where it will be on exhibit.

The couple wanted the painting to remain in Trinidad for all to enjoy and appreciate as a reminder of the remarkable life and work of a much loved artist, architect and generous contributor to community life for decades.

### Trinidad-Clam Beach Run set for Sunday, Jan. 29

The 57th Annual Trinidad Chamber of Commerce-sponsored annual Trinidad to Clam Beach Run, honoring founder Ford Hess, will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The 5 3/4 mile race will commence near the Chevron-Saunders Park area at 11:30 a.m. Register at [exploretrinidadca.com/tcbrr](http://exploretrinidadca.com/tcbrr).

Begin the day with a hearty Lions Club Breakfast at Trinidad School between 8 and 11 a.m.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net).

## All about heat pumps

RCEA

EUREKA — The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is presenting two separate expert presentations on heat pump space and water heating on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building, 1 Marina Way in Eureka.

Learn how heat pumps work, their benefits, about ducted and ductless systems, what the various kinds of systems are, what's involved in installation and maintenance, and generous federal, state and local rebates and incentives. Then Q&A and a chance to talk with local heat pump contractors.

### Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Meet local heat pump contractors, enjoy refreshments

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Presentation 1 — Heat Pump Space Heaters & Q&A

- 10:30 to 11 a.m. Refreshments and time with local contractors, our expert instructor Dan Perunko, and RCEA staff

- 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Presentation 2 — Heat Pump Water Heaters & Q&A

- 12:15 to 1 p.m. More time with local contractors, instructor Dan Perunko, and RCEA staff

RSVPs are encouraged but not required by emailing [info@RedwoodEnergy.org](mailto:info@RedwoodEnergy.org). Visit RCEA's website for more information, [redwood-energy.org](http://redwood-energy.org), (707) 269-1700

Heat pumps move heat from one location to another instead of using combustion. They can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and they can improve air quality by removing the burning of fossil fuels indoors.

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for the 2023-24 school year

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## Grow responsibly

As one who walks the marsh, I have a chance to ponder sea level rise daily. Recently, with the unusually high tides and heavy rains, water laps at the paths' edges often. I imagine a time when the paths will be under water, as will parts of 101, Old Arcata Road and many more of our roads. We see flooding in many places that are not ordinarily under water for such long periods of time.

Those living on Howard Heights Road in Freshwater have been flooded three times over the past two weeks preventing them from leaving except by canoe. Will we all be canoeing to get from point A to point B as they are?

We know there is a housing crisis, but there is a CLIMATE crisis as well. In addition to sea level rise, we now have atmospheric rivers that threaten us. The Planning Commission continues to be laser focused on the Gateway Plan. Sea level rise is just one issue our community has with this plan. Equally important is fire protection for the community. I urge you to watch the Jan. 10 Planning Commission Meeting ([youtube.com/watch?v=Fhx-K\\_VyCs8on](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fhx-K_VyCs8on)). The Arcata Fire Protection District lays out PRECISELY why they do not have the manpower or equipment to adequately protect our community NOW.

"NOT ONE MORE SORREL!" they stated emphatically in their presentation (referring to the newest 4-story building in Arcata). PLEASE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY FROM CLIMATE CHANGE! GROW BUT GROW RESPONSIBLY!

Lee Torrence  
Arcata

## The Grove and beyond

I have been very critical of the City of Arcata for allowing the Homeless to spend nights in frigid weather, some of whom, such as Nancy Barnes and Rick Campos, have actually died.

We were delighted to hear Mayor Sarah Schaefer announce at the end of last Wednesday's City Council meeting that Arcata House was opening an Extreme Weather Shelter at their newly opened Grove Homekey site on Valley West!

Because Arcata House now has their own space and are not relying on churches,

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they are able to serve many more people: on Wednesday night 61 folks from McKinleyville, Arcata, Eureka, etc. The Shelter will be ongoing and will serve folks not only on cold nights but anytime we have 2 or more days of rain!

A huge Thank You to Darlene Spoor, Executive Director of Arcata House Partnership, and her wonderful staff of Social Workers and volunteers! Also to the City of Arcata for whatever part they played in making this event happen!

That being said, Arcata let's not sit back and rest on our laurels! There are still more people without a solid roof over their heads than are being presently served! We still need Warming Centers and Overnight space opened up in other parts of the City.

Again, the D Street Center and the Community Center on ML King Way have large rooms or a gym that could serve these purposes. Also we may need to find another organization that could run such shelters without putting an additional burden on Arcata House!

Nancy Pelletier  
Arcata

## Elect these 3 to CCCU

I almost tossed an important letter into the recycling without opening it. It has the return address of CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP, 109 N. Main St., Ste. 200, Austin, MN. I discovered it's a ballot for Coast Central Credit Union's Board of Directors.

Forty-two percent of the residents in CCCU's service area (75,000 of us) are members and it has assets of over \$2 billion. It's positioned to be a powerfully positive force in our community, and who is on the Board of Directors matters.

All three of the candidates advocate CCCU to honor its commitment to an informed and participatory membership. They are encouraging us to participate in our Annual Membership meetings and to have input in setting our credit union vision and direction. Updat-

Of the seven candidates, three are running as the "Members First Slate: Members First for a Stronger Credit Union." Their purpose is to deepen member engagement and amplify CCCU's stated value of "placing you at the forefront of the decision-making process, seeking your input, and responding to your needs."

Please vote for James Kloor, Rees Hughes, and Maricela Aceves Wexler.

If you think you missed the ballot, call CCCU at (707) 445-8801 to request a replacement.

Return the ballot to Clifton Larson Allen in Minnesota. Ballots must be received by January 31. Allow for winter weather.

And please pass the word on to any friends who may be CCCU members.

Margaret Emerson  
Arcata

## Setting CCCU's vision

If you are like me, you may have received a mailing the first week in January with a return address of CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP in Austin, Minnesota. I almost tossed it out without opening as it looked a lot like junk mail. It turned out to be an important ballot for Coast Central Credit Union Board election due January 30.

I am very pleased to vote for three candidates, Rees Hughes, Maricela Aceves Wexler, and James Kloor. To get on the ballot, they worked really hard for several months and collect over 600 CCCU member signatures. They are willing to devote personal time and energy to make positive changes with our member-owned credit union.

All three of the candidates advocate CCCU to honor its commitment to an informed and participatory membership. They are encouraging us to participate in our Annual Membership meetings and to have input in setting our credit union vision and direction. Updat-

ing the CCCU Bylaws, diversify the Board and set term limits are on all three candidates' agendas as well as increased funding for community grants. I encourage all members to vote for Hughes, Wexler and Kloor for our CCCU Board of Directors.

Kate McClain  
McKinleyville

## Nat'l Blood Donor Month

I gave my first pint of blood 40 years ago in 1983. Since then I've given over 50 gallons of blood, making me what they call a "milestone donor." Truth be told, I receive more through helping save lives this way, than is ever taken from me.

There is a real need for blood donors. Nationally, only 3 percent of the eligible population donate, we can do better! Every two seconds someone's life is saved by blood donations.

It's just not accident victims or surgery patients that benefit from blood transfusions. Data shows that a quarter of our nation's blood supply is used by people battling cancer. Additionally, blood products aid in anemia, sickle cell disease, organ transplants, burn patients, shock, and bleeding disorders just to name a few.

January is National Blood Donor Month. Thank you to all my fellow donors out there who give the gift of life. However, we can't do it alone, we need your help too!

Please find a few minutes this month, or anytime you are eligible, to stop by our Northern California Community Blood Bank in Eureka, or any of their bloodmobiles throughout our community and give the gift of life.

Many people are counting on you. The life you save may be someone you know. Who knows, it might even be mine. Call today and schedule a time, or just drop in.

Gene Joyce  
Arcata

## Did Cal Poly Humboldt skip second grade? We're soon to find out

## Misnomers for our basic institutions are both trivial and consequential

## And sometimes hilariously revealing

Years ago, when the City of Arcata was hiring a new city manager, it held a sort of beauty contest in Council Chamber, with the half-dozen or so finalists getting up before citizens and making their pitch for the job.

One sincere fellow made the unfortunate mistake of saying how eager he was to serve the people of "Arcadia," and the murmur that rippled through the audience was the sound of his Arcata employment prospects dissolving.

A common, arguably trivial mistake, but fatal because of what it suggests: if you don't know the town's name, how well have you studied its issues? Every Arcatan who's had to spell out A-R-C-A-T-A to a clueless customer support person on the phone surely cringed on some level at *again* being mistaken for that distant SoCal city.

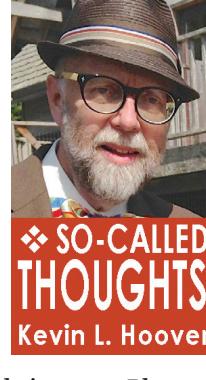
Something similar occurred recently with the draft EIR for Cal Poly's Craftsman Mall housing. It referred to the Arcata Fire District (AFD) by an imaginary name of its own conjuring: the "Arcata City Fire Department."

Again, it's both trivial and egregious for revealing that the DEIR writers hadn't sweated basic details in any discernible fashion, and fundamentally misunderstood the district's structure and charter. This was borne out by the rest of the poorly wrought analysis, which was littered with fantasy-based assumptions about AFD's capabilities.

That matter came up at last week's Planning Commission meeting, where the flawed DEIR was a major focus. There, in Council Chamber (not Council Chambers) AFD representatives shed light on a number of things, including the district's own branding problem.

With the legacy term "Arcata" in its name, some of the 36,000 residents it serves in its 62-square-mile jurisdiction (that includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Bayside, Manila and Jacoby Creek) assume – like the Craftsman DEIR authors – that AFD is an Arcata-centered service.

Here's where priggish insistence on name accuracy becomes a real-world problem.



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Kevin L. Hoover

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# SCENE

## California Poppies at Arcata Playhouse

### ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

### CREAMERY DISTRICT

Join us in a benefit show with Home Cookin' and the California Poppies on Saturday, Jan. 21. Home Cookin' will play first at 7 p.m., and the California Poppies play at 9:30 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in Arcata.

The California Poppies are a local Humboldt County band of all original music with a blend of 1960s nostalgia and modern psychedelia that creates a sound that is completely their own, with a mission to spread positivity and love.

Home Cookin' delivers a range of musical flavors with a repertoire of original tunes and rock standards. Composed of legendary local musical veterans Joyce Hough, Gary Davidson, Fred Neighbor and Mike Labolle, Home Cookin' serves up savory tunes with a saucy backbeat.

Grab a specialty drink or local kombucha on tap from the bar, and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Tickets are \$20 general and \$18 Fan Club Members. Available online at [playhouserts.org](http://playhouserts.org), at Wildberries Marketplace, or reserve at (707) 822-1575.



**POPPIES** Put on your dancing shoes and come see the California Poppies at the Arcata Playhouse.

VIA CALIFORNIA POPPIES FACEBOOK PAGE

## Songwriters perform original works in the seaside village

### TRINIDAD ART CENTER

TRINIDAD – The Trinidad Art Center presents five local songwriters performing their original songs on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

The admission is \$5 at the door. Tunesmiths Claire Bent, Tim Breed, Matt Brody, Mike Bynum and Jeff DeMark will play their own songs and maybe provide a bit of background on how and/or why they wrote the songs.

The Trinidad Art Center is located in a former chapel at 426 Trinity St. next to Trinidad Elementary.

Matt Brody, a Trinidad visual artist and songwriter, commented "writing songs can be very dangerous.....

memory lane is littered with landmines." Tim Breed, who coined the phrase "real musicians have daydreams", will share songs from his recent on-line album, *Songs My Daughters Like (and some you'll like, too)*.

Claire Bent, best known as the lead singer of the band she leads, Citizen Funk, and for her jazz singing, will play the ukulele and sing a few of her original compositions.

Mike Bynum, formerly of the Handshakers and currently playing in The Deckhands, will showcase a batch of new soulful songs. Jeff DeMark, known for his storytelling shows, will play some of his favorite original songs.

For more information write [Jeffdemark@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffdemark@gmail.com).

**EUREKA SYMPHONY CHORUS** If you've ever dreamed about being on stage and singing in a world-class symphony chorus, then it's time to make your dreams come true. Be a part of the Eureka Symphony Chorus singing Mozart's emotionally stirring *Requiem in D Minor, K 626*. Those who audition on Jan. 22 will be required to: sing a major triad on any given pitch that is played for you (on the piano, usually 5 or 6 different pitches); sing a minor triad on any given pitch that is played for you; sing a whole step up or down as requested on any given pitch; sing a half step up or down as requested on any given pitch; sing back a combination of 6 pitches that will be played for you (tonal memory); read music and sight sing two short passages provided to you; sing any solo piece you choose that shows your voice to its advantage. To learn more and schedule your audition with Music Director Carol Jacobson, please contact Vanessa Kibbe at [vkibbe@gmail.com](mailto:vkibbe@gmail.com) before Jan. 20.



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**TRIO DUENDE** The Eureka Chamber Music Series presents Trio Duende for two concerts this coming weekend. The group will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 716 South Ave. in Eureka. Tickets are \$40 general, \$10 for students. The group will have a "concert + conversation" on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 E 16th St. in Arcata. Tickets are \$20 general, \$5 for students. The trio is comprised of pianist Awadagin Pratt, fresh from performances with the Boston and Chicago Symphony Orches-

tras this season, along with inimitable cellist Sophie Shao, winner of the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and top prizes at the Rostropovich and Tchaikovsky competitions, as well as violinist and ECMS Artistic Director Tom Stone, who during his 20 years as a founding member of the Cypress String Quartet has performed with many distinguished artists and in major musical venues all over the world including the Kennedy Center, Library of Congress and the Ravinia Festival.. Contact [eurekachambermusic.org](http://eurekachambermusic.org) or [admin@eurekachambermusic.org](mailto:admin@eurekachambermusic.org) for more info.



**REDWOOD ACRES** Racing returns to Redwood Acres in April.

PHOTO BY SHERIE BIALOUS

## Rev your engines! Racing returns to Redwood Acres

### REDWOOD ACRES RACEWAY

EUREKA – A brand new year means that there will be a brand-new season of racing at Redwood Acres Raceway. Eleven events are scheduled to occur on the 3/8-mile paved oval with the season beginning in April and ending at the end of September.

Drivers and teams will have ample time to tune their cars in preparation for the start of the season as two test and tune dates are scheduled for April 15 and April 22. A practice session is also scheduled for April 28, a day before the season officially kicks off in a big way on April 29. The second annual Rotary Rhododendron 100 will feature a big money race for the late models while Legends, bombers, mini stocks and roadrunners will also be participating.

The month of May only has two race dates but both races will feature

the return of the popular Gunslinger Sprint Cars. The Gunslingers will be racing on back-to-back nights on May 12 and May 13. A large field of sprint car drivers from all over the West Coast are expected to visit the Acres for a top-notch purse.

June begins with a practice session on the second with the next day featuring the first modified race of the season in addition to all five local classes. June 23 will be the annual Fair Race at RAR with all five local divisions again scheduled for action.

Two races are scheduled for July. A practice is scheduled on July 7 while July 8 will be the annual running of the Harper Motors Firecracker 100 for the late models.

The Upstate Bomber Series will also be visiting Redwood Acres Raceway for the first of two times in 2023. July 28 is another practice date in preparation for the following

day's event on July 29, the Legends Of The Redwoods Shootout. The top Legends drivers from the region are expected to show for this event.

All five local classes will be racing in the two races on August 12 and August 26. The race on the 26th will be Fan Appreciation Night.

The season concludes in September with the Upstate Bombers headlining on the 9th with the Legends, mini stocks and roadrunners also racing. The final race of the season will of course be the annual Fall Spectacular. The event will be held on Sept. 22 and 23 with practice and qualifying taking place on the first day and a full slate of racing on the second with late models, modifieds, Legends, bombers, mini stocks and roadrunners all racing.

Stay tuned to [RacinTheAcres.com](http://RacinTheAcres.com) or follow RAR on Facebook or Twitter @RacinTheAcres.

**TRINIDAD CONCERT** RLA jazz trio, with guest vocalist Claire Bent, will perform Friday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. in Trinidad. Tim Randles said "Probably the most sought after young jazz singer in Humboldt, Claire Bent's subtle phrasing coupled with a unique scat style, create a performance like no other. She is a regular through the whole Humboldt area, and has performed many times with RLA."

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF** President Brown will perform Friday, Jan. 20 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. President Brown is a Jamaican roots reggae artist who carries a universal message of love, consciousness and righteousness. Prez is a gifted vocalist who has been focusing on his calling as a singer from an early age. He is a very steady hard-working artist who has never wavered in his focus. He has been touring the US consistently for the last two decades with his I Sound band. His shows are on fire, his star is rising and his fan base is growing. With Irie Rockerz. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com).

**ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE** Will Sheff/Okkervil River will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Arcata Theatre Lounge at 1036 G St. in Arcata. After nine critically acclaimed albums after two full decades, Will Sheff is letting Okkervil River drift out to sea with *Nothing Special*, a rich and cinematic collection that marks the acclaimed indie songwriter's first release under his own name. Written through a period of painful loss and deep transformation and recorded with a mix of old friends and new collaborators (including singer/songwriter Christian Lee Hutson, Dawes drummer Griffin Goldsmith and Death Cab For Cutie pianist Zac Rae), the record is an act of liberation and self-determination. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. All ages. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$24 at the door. For more information, call (707) 630-5000 or visit [arcatatheatrelounge.com](http://arcatatheatrelounge.com).

**HUMBOLDT BREWERY** Bump Foundation will perform Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Humboldt Brewery at 856 10th St. in Arcata. Local Humboldt County favorites Bump Foundation, playing rare grooves of funk and soul, plus jazz originals and classics. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door. For more information, call (707) 826-BREWS or visit [humbrews.com](http://humbrews.com).

**PEKING ACROBATS FEATURING THE SHANGHAI CIRCUS** will perform Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt. For the last 32 years, The Peking Acrobats have redefined audience perceptions of Chinese acrobatics. They perform daring maneuvers atop a precarious pagoda of chairs and display their technical prowess at such arts as trick-cycling, precision tumbling, juggling, somersaulting, and gymnastics. The Peking Acrobats are accompanied by live musicians who skillfully play traditional Chinese instruments; the time-honored Chinese music coalesces with high-tech special effects and awe-inspiring acrobatic feats, creating an exuberant entertainment event with the festive pageantry of a Chinese carnival. All ages. Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$39 general, \$20 for children and \$5 for Cal Poly Humboldt students. For more information, call (707) 826-3928 or visit [centerarts.humboldt.edu](http://centerarts.humboldt.edu).

**CHAMBER MUSIC** A free concert of chamber music will be presented at the Lutheran Church of Arcata on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. With a suggested donation, listen to a string quartet, jazz ensemble and a wind ensemble. The church is at 151 East 16th St. in Arcata.

**COMING UP** Dirtwire will perform at the Arcata Theatre Lounge on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. Margo Price will perform at the Van Duzer Theatre at Cal Poly Humboldt on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Jon McLaughlin will perform at the Humboldt Brewery on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

## Sunday afternoon jazz

### MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM OF ART

EUREKA – Come visit the Morris Graves Museum of Art for an afternoon of great music on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 3 pm.

Enjoy an Afternoon of Jazz with Paula Jones & Friends, and hear jazz from talented local musicians performing world class music that is unlike any other!



**FIRST CLASS JAZZ** Paula Jones and Friends perform Sunday afternoon at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

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The Rotunda is the perfect setting for the jazz-funk stylings of superb vocalist Paula Jones.

"Listeners can expect well-dressed performers, movement, dance, spirituality and an abundance of gratitude. We will present a mix of Jazz and R&B and the audience will hear this music performed in a kind of stream of consciousness style; each song is taken as a vehicle for free interpretation," said Paula Jones.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St. in Eureka.

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STEVEN CRIVELLI  
CASE NO.: PR2200370

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:  
**ESTATE OF STEVEN CRIVELLI**  
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by MARK CRIVELLI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MARK CRIVELLI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: (707) 444-3071  
 Time: 1/11, 1/18

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF  
RUTH ARLENE CONTI  
CASE NO.: PR2200368

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**RUTH ARLENE CONTI**

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ADA ANDERSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: ADA ANDERSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: FEB. 9, 2023

Time: 1:31 PM

Dept.: 3

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Date: JAN. 26, 2023

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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Kathy Zamora



Neftaly Mendez



Nick Salgado-Stanley



Natalie Mendez



Maria Montes



Fabiola Hernandez



Alfredo Calderon

## Promising students earn Reach Your Star awards

### CUMBRE: Confidence, Unity, Motivation, Balance, Respect, Empathy

**Lucy Salazar**

PRESIDENT, CUMBRE HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – CUMBRE Humboldt distributed their fall round of Reach Your Star Awards in December to deserving and dedicated Latinx students.

After receiving 91 applications (compared to 18 last spring) and seeing the quality of the applicants, we decided to increase our number of award recipients to eight, as compared to five in previous cycles.

Awards of \$500 were given to the following students:

- Kate Ramirez – English major, Cal Poly Humboldt

- Kathy Zamora – Social Work major, Cal Poly Humboldt

- Neftaly Mendez – plans to attend the CR nursing program, Fortuna Union High School

- Nick Salgado-Stanley – Wildlife major, Cal Poly Humboldt

- Natalie Mendez – Environmental Resource Engineering major, Cal Poly Humboldt

- Maria Montes – Zoology major, Cal Poly Humboldt

- Fabiola Hernandez – plans to attend the CR nursing program

- Alfredo Calderon – Astrophysics major, Cal Poly Humboldt

All these students are working, sometimes two jobs, while taking a full load of classes. It was a pleasure to interact with these aspiring students, who are all dedicated to giving back to their communities, in one way or another.

Kate Ramirez plans to continue in the Master's Program, with a goal of being an English teacher in either middle or high school when she graduates. "I want to become an educator and use my knowledge to give back to my community. Education is the single most powerful tool to help students out of poverty and change their life trajectory."

After graduating with her bachelor's in Social Work, Kathy Zamora plans to pursue a Master's in Social Work at Cal Poly Humboldt. "Higher education is important to me because I strongly believe knowledge is power. I want to work among the Latinx, immigrant, English Learner community because I feel at home with community. I will share my knowledge in order to grow as a community."

Years ago, Neftaly Mendez spent many hours in the hospital with a sick family member, and that has inspired her to become a nurse. "Living in hospitals seeing and playing with children that had cancer and other things really opened a door that led me to want to pursue a career in the medical

field no matter what. When I get my degree, I will help people and make the biggest impact I can in people's lives and be there for them in time of joy and sorrow."

Nick Salgado-Stanley will be spending the next semester in South Africa at the Nelson Mandela University, continuing his studies and experiences in wildlife conservation. He plans to go into Environmental Law, with a focus on the interests of underrepresented people, the environment, and animals above all else. He also recognizes the lack of diversity in the field of natural resources. "Furthering my education is important because I want to create a more accepting and diverse pool of professionals."

Natalie Mendez aspires to own an environmental engineering firm that solves complex environmental problems through the lens of social and environmental justice. "I've made it not only my mission, but my duty to make meaningful change for communities and habitats through ethical practices, advocacy, and engineering excellence."

Maria Montes is considering working for an organization that does rescue and release of wild animals or to become a videographer of wild animals in their own habitats. "Not only do I want to finish school to help my mom. But I want to do it for me and for my future familia. Represent my culture as a first generation Latina, graduate of Cal Poly Humboldt."

Fabiola Hernandez plans to be a nurse working with older adults who might not have anyone to advocate for them. "I look forward to expanding my knowledge in healthcare, learn how to promote health, refine my skills in empathy and compassion, as well working directly with patients. I would like to be the bridge that connects people to living health conscious lifestyles."

Alfredo Calderon intends to get his Ph.D in Astrophysics with a focus on gravitational waves, galaxy formation and/or black holes. "I want to work at observatories around the world getting information and teaching an entire universe to people who need it."

I think all recipients would join in this sentiment by Mr. Calderon, "The most important thing you could get from this scholarship is the motivation that comes from the recognition of the effort that you've been through." These students and their families have been through a lot and no matter what, they continue to pursue their dreams. Our recipients epitomize what our acronym CUMBRE stands for – Confidence, Unity, Motivation, Balance, Respect, Empathy – and we are very proud of them.

Our Reach Your Star Awards help make educational and enrichment opportunities more accessible for disadvantaged Latinx students. Our spring round of awards will be coming up soon, and all donations are sincerely appreciated and can be made at our website: [cumbrehumboldt.org](http://cumbrehumboldt.org).

## Field guides, checklists and other avian resources

Often, bird lovers want to venture beyond their backyards. They may begin at the Arcata Marsh or Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Both are great and offer guided walks.

This is a great way for the novice to begin birdwatching. However, these walks are great for all levels of birding. You have multiple pairs of eyes on the look-out. Plus others will gladly give hints to participants about making good identifications.

I have loved birds since age 9 but my experiences were on the East Coast. In Southern California, I watched birds but had a growing family. I learned some new birds but had other priorities.

By 1990, I moved to Humboldt. Long story short, it was on a whim. The idea of Strictly for the Birds was born as a way to make a living. I was that novice. Every Sunday (my only day off) was spent learning local birds.

So, to begin that adventure



**BIRD BRAINS**  
Louise Bacon-Ogden

blue for winter. There may be information on the voice, habitat and nesting.

Added in these guides are pages covering bird topography, migration and habitat. Often the index serves as a checklist (usually a little box you can check when you see the bird). Some guides have color tabbed pages so you can find sections of hummingbirds, hawks, gulls or warblers.

Here I would like to remind you... you can write in your book! I often make notations in the margins, especially when I get good ID tips.

Personally, I own about 10 field guides. Two I had as a kid. As a gift, I received the Audubon guide. It was categorized by color. Not really a good idea, especially when a male could be a different color than the female and some birds vary by season. However, the Audubon name was well-known so I ordered some for my shelves.

Also, when I opened my store, I heard about the National Geographic guide. All the hot shot birders used that one. *Oops*, only non-profits could carry it! (Not anymore!)

My quest widened. Ah, the Roger Tory Peterson books. I'd heard about him. He was from Connecticut. I got his Western guide. Immediately, all the birders came to get the newest edition for 1990.

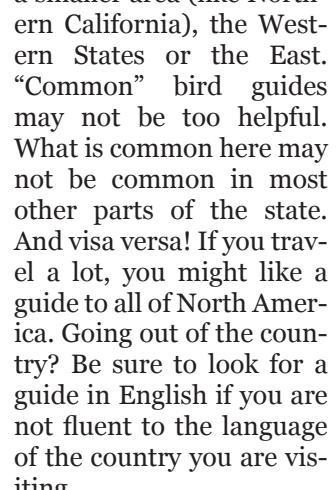
This guide was my favorite for a long time. The binding is broken and always opens at the grosbeaks, the front picture is worn off and the outside binding is "duck" tape.

As time went on, more and more guides hit the shelves. My guess is there are even MORE now! Choose wisely!

Along with guides are checklists. They compliment a field guide nicely. As you travel you can probably purchase a checklist of that areas birds. They have a brief summary of where and when you can see them. I have a bunch of those for areas I birded.

I became one of those "crazies" and specifically went on bird trips.

If you subscribe to that, you may wish a guide to birding. This is a book for certain areas (like Southeast Arizona) with min-



Field guides may cover a smaller area (like Northern California), the Western States or the East. "Common" bird guides may not be too helpful. What is common here may not be common in most other parts of the state. And visa versa! If you travel a lot, you might like a guide to all of North America. Going out of the country? Be sure to look for a guide in English if you are not fluent to the language of the country you are visiting.

Just a note here. Buying bird guides of other countries is difficult. Several years ago,

I went to Greece. I went on-line and found a book (which I could not see) and found a guide in five languages. Yes, English was one!

It was "used" and in good condition.

Upon receiving it, I knew why. It was *awful!* The price was

ridiculous for what I got. Luckily,

for the same money I got a *real* field guide (Birds of the Mediterranean) all in English.

So, what is a real guide? The

birds are in taxonomical order

from the most ancient species to

the most modern. (Remember,

birds are dinosaurs.) Birders use

a common name but the scientific name is listed. You should see

multiple plumages (winter/summer,

male/female and immature birds).

The size is listed, the colorings,

the voice, and birds ranges.

Small maps are usually present.

The seasons may be indicated in red for summer and

ute detail, including backyards, where you can find even rarities. These books are great as you can, indeed, find birds you may overlook if you wander aimlessly on your own. Oh, and if you do go to a person's yard, often they have chairs and table out for your enjoyment and a jar for tips to help defray the cost of tons of bird food.

So, these suggestions get you out on the road for enjoyable birding. However, there are many more publications on birds out there. But, in my opinion, the field guide is the best and most valuable.

Here, you may wonder... "What is my favorite guide?" I switched and I love the *Sibley Guide to Western Birds* by David Sibley.

Even if you only bird from home, a good field guide is essential. Happy Birding!

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